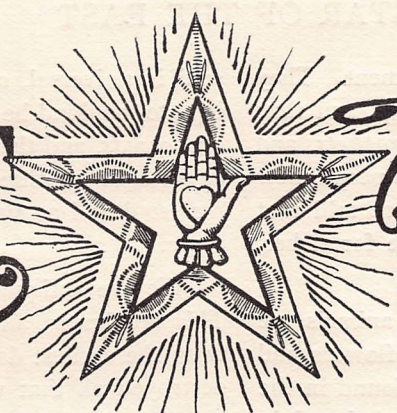


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THE RELATIONS BETWEEN ANTIQUITY AND TODAY.

We have often been told "that we are farther advanced than our brethren of antiquity." We have often been led to believe that they were much lower in the scales of spirituality than they were, but if we investigate we will find that the facts are to the contrary. The race of today is much behind in all things than our ancestors of antiquity.

It will be known shortly that we now live in the time when our relation to the antediluvians is not a fancy, but a fact, as upon investigation we find that our shores were theirs, and that our struggles for higher advancement is nothing but the unseen vibrations direct from the farthest past to *reconstruct* and *rebuild* that which disappeared, but only for a time. There can be no question but what the race of today have lived and worked among those whom we do not believe existed, but in the traditions, and all that which is old shall be new, as we live the old constantly in the new—in other words, the old is appearing all the time in new and different forms. The sun has made his thousands of circuits since then, and by that matter in the inner body of earth has been prepared for the birth of new forms and these births have gone on and on until the matter is ready for finer forms than ever before.

Let it be known that all which was shall become known as time rolls on, and as it becomes known to the outer senses of man he will take part in the rebuilding of the spiritual, social, political and individual structure of this era. There were builders of the past not only of palaces and beautiful gardens, but of the *higher self* of man, as selfishness was not at that time as great as that in which we live.

Let it be known that continents which once was shall appear again and the genius, power and personality which prompted men and women of those days to great and good deeds shall again live among the race of the moderns, and many who live today who do not know who they are in their present body shall know, for the purpose of helping their ancient brothers to restore the great *temples* with the higher principles and purer devotions of the past.

America shelters many whose bodies are inspired by the souls of the ancient times waiting for the call to the work of revealing to those whom are here for this high purpose unconscious to themselves. We are now at the end of the preparing period, and we will see shortly the waters divide themselves for the purpose of swallowing up certain parts of this country, as it has done in the last few years in other lands, and in their place shall come up unknown parts of the world, which shall be rebuilt, and the vibration which was active at the time of the destruction still prevails, and they will bring out the principles which they were working for before the deluge.

The Atlantis was sunk when in its glory, but the glory was not as yet reaching its fullness. The missions of many of its wonderful people were not ended when the disaster came to them, nor was their country at the completion of its power, as it is known that it was "taken by surprise at night and was destroyed in one day and one night." As nothing dies, these people who have reincarnated principally among the races to whom they were drawn by affinity, have been working to enlighten the minds as to the greatness and power of the soul in everlasting living from one period to the other, in order that they might be able to impress upon all the ages their knowledge as to the inexhaustibility of mind and its power of reconstruction. By the above we refer principally to the Atlantians, but let no one think that we mean to say that they were the earliest race, as that could not be, because it is known that they were greatly advanced both in art and building, as well as in spiritual power, because they were "magicians" (white) or the *masters* who had learned how to use the vibrations of the heav-

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ens both for mental and spiritual advancement. They were *experts* in "star reading" (astrology), and thus they were accomplished as *priests* and *prophets*, and the kings were also *priests* who taught the people how to live in peace and happiness, and we are told that there was not the desire among the people for riches, but for knowledge.

These people have domesticated the animals we use today. They were the first to plant flowers and fruits we use now, and many things are found in the different parts of this country which have their origin in their times. Read history by Connolly, by Plato, by Scott, Elliot and others, and we will see that we now live on the same planes as they were, as through the ages much of the sunken has paved its way to the dry land by volcanoes and other upheavals on land and water.

The race should understand that there are no personal saviors, as all who have lived and taught in the past have only showed the way, and when we compare the Bhagavadgita, Dhammapada, the writings of Trismigistus, the teachings of Brahmanas and the Bible, we will see that those whom I have mentioned existed before the Bible, but they are all one and the same teachings, and all shows that mankind must be saved by its own efforts by living a holy life. There are no personal saviors but the individual self, as every teacher before Jesus taught "not to worship men, but God," all have but shown the way. We are told of the power, piety and spirituality of "Baha-Abas," now living in a penal institution in Syria. I am sure that he does not wish that the people who see him shall go out and worship him as God or the "second Christ," as he considers himself a message-bearer who has come to "show the way." But his followers must walk it alone. I read in one of his messages to the world, "Love everybody and everything; he who does not possess love has no share with Baha-Abas." This shows that he teaches the same as all other teachers—*mankind must live*, and thereby help itself. From the life which the race lives today no one can save it but itself, and the race of this time has reached its limit of selfishness and thereby drawn to it all the confusion and disasters which are awaiting it in time to come. As there is no gulf of time (from a soul standpoint) between the earliest *past* and *now*, we will see that the same glory which was manifested must be so again, hence all the *inventions in our day* and the wisdom which begins to make itself known to our race, as men and women, will become anointed by the "hand of God," speak *in tongues* and act by the power of wisdom. There must first be a resurrection from the sleep of unconsciousness and afterwards will the glory in matter be manifested. Man must first understand before he can act, and the higher activities within him spiritually will be dormant until his understanding becomes quickened. We are surrounded by a *mighty host of souls* seeking suitable bodies for the purpose of sending them *hither* and *thither* to awaken the slumbering. Let it be known that as the

soul is universal, *of the universe*, so must the teachings to mankind be free from all limitations as to *name* and *creeds*, and the truth must be given *whole* and not as such or so title or creed dictates. The soul is a *free* soul and as such has access to the unlimited universe.

We are antiquarians and so shall our children be. This we know, although we have no direct records from the earliest dawn of man yet, as there is nothing destroyed all that was is and will remain.

So far as we can see, there is only one book amongst us today which connects us with the past, showing us the law which has prevailed in all ages, and that is the "pack of playing cards." But the race has wandered away from the true principles of life, so that this book cannot be understood by it until the mind is unfolded enough to recognize the law of life and live it.

The pack of playing cards being invented by the priesthood in the time of the Atlantis, a time when the people were much higher in civilization than we are, they were competent in reading the stars, in understanding the law of life and applying it, and this is the reason why they placed such symbols upon the pages of this little book in order to show that the same law which was of the beginning will remain for all time, and that man must work out his "Karma" by obeying it. As the book belongs in the inner temple, it must not be used as it has been by ignorant humanity, but it must be laid upon the altar in order to form a *link of unity* between our antediluvian brothers and ourselves and the stars in the heavens. The pack of cards, the "true book of life," is not for prophecy only, but *first* and *last*, to draw us closer in unity with all life which it so strongly represents.

Let it be known that now is the time when the masters of old will make their presence known among us, and we will see all kinds of manifestations of their power side by side of earthquakes, tidal waves and also the terrible exposures of corruptions in governments as well as other strifes, caused by the bursting forth of mighty power underneath the crust of earth, and the great power of the stars. The relations between the ancients and moderns will be seen very strikingly among the people of *Europe* and the *Far North*, as there is the old Atlantis upon which they live and the vibrations are stronger there which attract the glorious souls closer to them than to others.

Let every one unfold their minds and be ready for a *mighty work* in order to respond to the calls from master souls of the past as well as the present, as we are here to build up things as well as souls.

THE VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS.

Beloved: Our paper is now beginning another year of its existence and by this it also begins a higher mission (if such can be). The object of the Star has been and will be to work for help and upliftment of all it can reach, but its principle work will be hereaf-

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ter to take our students into higher and deeper studies. We must understand sooner or later that we should not stay in one plane or degree of study all the time, but we must advance, not only mentally, but we must also rise higher in individual strength and wisdom. As everything advances man must advance, and the time is now when we will find that we have a higher aim than only the caretaking of the body.

We are at the end of a cycle, and with it the whole plane on which we live must undergo changes for the salvation of things beneath us, as law of evolution is universal. This being so, the disturbances which have begun will affect mankind, and the more ignorant it is the worse will be the effect upon it. The incarnation of the old is now at hand and those who are ready will experience wonderful things.

We will have a course of studies of "Temple Life" (the inner and higher unfoldment), and we will take the wonderful Astrological Bible known to the race of today, "the pack of playing cards," and we shall be led into the heavens as well as into the remotest time of the past.

Those who have studied with us will be wonderfully benefited to follow us. Some of our students have only taken part of the temple lessons from this book and will be able to follow us in proportion as they have meditated, and dealt with this book for soul unfoldment.

We wish to say that we are not working among the race at this time only to have something to do, but we have *consciously incarnated* into our present form for the purpose of doing this work, and it is by Divine authority that we are going and coming among the race at this time.

We have renounced all pertaining to the world and what there is in it, and we have no relation with it other than what we can do to lift humanity higher.

We are not known to the world any longer, as the past glories and sorrows in it have been left behind and buried, and we have *gone on* and by the power of the living truth we have been promoted to higher planes in evolution and greater responsibilities by a higher mission, and thus we have no objects or ambitions other than to serve. Be not confused because this comes through the form of a female, as it must be so, because it is the female who is the giver. Let it be known that we can recognize no names for our teachings, as the law demands that they be universal, as the soul is universal, and names and rules and the worship of beings are too limited to be applied to the universal freedom of the soul.

All humanity is a universal assembly of brothers, and this being so, every soul belongs to that assembly, and the universal thought is its expression. We have no special books holding more truth of life to us than the other, and therefore we need them all, although personally we have found that the gospels of the Hindoo and others older than our Bible give us a clearer conception of the law of life than the more modern.

The Bible is to us an incompleting record of the same strife as we are going through now, but it has deeper lessons for those who can study "*between the lines*" than any other book of the Christian doctrine, perhaps because it records the relations between God and man in ages before it was written. We believe that by being open to conviction and ready to learn we will be able to delve into the deeper meaning of life, and by it we will know the past better than we do

now and the future will become an open book to us. The mind and the soul must be freed before the body can be free and the individual happy.

As mankind can be satisfied by no less than the universe, therefore hear my voice, my brother, as we proclaim full freedom from which wisdom shall come to every soul, and be not tied down by teaching of men who limit the soul to their way of thinking. The wilderness of today is the darkness and ignorance in which the race is, but the voice of the spirit shall be heard and souls shall be made free.

The star shall guide and light all whom are seeking in darkness to find and know the Christ (conscious realization), and thus, like the "wise men," they shall be led to the Bethlehem of peace.

Having left the world, its empty glory and pleasures, which bring nothing but pain, woe and death, our Star shall go before us and prepare the way, and we will go on through the wilderness, proclaiming the freedom and life to soul and body, until as many have heard our voice as we can reach in this body and risen out of darkness to be in the sunlight of righteousness.

"Hear the voice of the spirit and accept the word and thou shalt live."

For the help and happiness of humanity,

SISTER AVABAMIA.
(In the past, May E. Stevenson.)

LESSON.

The vibrations for this lesson will be set into stronger action by the reading of the letter "nun" in the 119th Psalm, as we shall concentrate for *freedom* mentally, spiritually and physically. The letter begins verses 105 to 112. This must be read before sitting down for concentration, during which we should recognize universal freedom and our breathing must be slow and very gentle. This lesson is best practiced on Thursdays, in the morning 5-7, evening 9-11, for thirty days.

Beloved, let it be known to you that we can never be unfolded as long as we are tied down in matter, but as soon as we become freed in mind that will bring freedom in matter, and we will be happier than we ever was before. We are now living in an age when our whole salvation shall depend upon our freedom from creeds and man-made doctrines. Rise in thy might and recognize that the Divine power of the universe and not a small portion, "by the grace of God," as we have been told by men who have had nothing but their own object in view.

Rise and let your voice be heard in wisdom and the spirit will impart more power to you than you have ever realized before.

Thursdays is our missionary days, and it is the days when we need to receive and send our brothers the thought of freedom and power, as well to others as we need it ourselves. Do not forget to meet with the Masters on this day to receive more light and power than you have in the past.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE OREGON ROSE.

What the quickening power of the sun and moon is to all that which is slumbering, thy *life* and *beauty* has become to my soul, oh, thou wondrous Rosa of Oregonia, thou maid with such power of tongue as that of thee, thou speaketh to the pilgrim who tarries on the hills of Orgo, as nothing else, and thou giveth thy self for company to the lonely, and smiling with thy beauty thou whisper, "*Plenty forever*," and give the weary consolation like others of thy sisters in the "Kingdom of Flora," thy home.

The life in thy nectar becomes a delight to the human senses, and the shades on thy foliages inspires the eye and quickens the senses to give tributes of devotion at thy shrine. All ages have sung songs in thy honor as thou graced the shores of the past long ago; the children of old have worshipped in thy temples with song and thou hast taught the human soul to love with that love which is free from the guile of selfishness. Heaven smiles upon thee and earth adores thee and thy grandeur of thy personality is upon the tongue of the Gods.

I sing thee my song while passing by in thy abodes, as to me like unto others who have come and gone; thou hast spoken of the everlasting increase of life and of plenty to sustain it.

The hills of Portia are like children in the lap of their mother of Orgonia; they smile in their oases because the lorn and weary pilgrims of yore and of today have come to build their huts while resting, and thou, O Rosa, in the season of budding and bloom, place thyself upon the table of generosity to be feasted upon by the eyes and nostrils of men, many of whom are moved to tears by thy great hospitality. Thou Divine counterpart of the soul, thou understand me and I know thee, and in the sweet tomorrow thou, like all others, shall have changed garb until thou think and sing of thy past experiences like that of man.

In the midst of thy glory man has robbed thee of thy life by tearing thee from thy own; they have plucked thee and placed thee upon viewing board in the *arena*, while marches of the festival of thy funeral have been played. Portia, the Daughter of Orgonia, has sinned against thee because she has arranged fetes in thy honor, while the festival has been to promote her own selfishness, and she has plucked thee and placed thee, bud and bloom, everywhere, and seen thee become exhausted for want of a drink of water, and while man and animal have stepped proudly by the honor of thy graceful presence and adornment and played tunes in thy honor, and the reviewing march has gone on, thou has been allowed to wither and die, and yet, Flora, thy gracious sovereign, distributes more beauty and variety of thine and that of thy sisters.

O, thou children specially favored by Rosa, sojourning in the hills of Portia, the Daughter of Orgonia, who generously opens her portals for all passers-by, give a plentitude of water for drink to Rosa when you pluck her, as gratitude for the beauty she gives you, and know that her silent interpretations of life, its generosity and innocence, although she will sting you with her thorns, symbolic of that she has many more incarnations to go through before she can bestow the fullness of the lesson to man that she is here to give; drink out of her goblet of the sweetest wine which she bestows upon man and sit down by her and let thy soul converse with her in the tongue of Love, and it will soon be seen that Psyche will steal by the fount and see their images "in nature's mirror."

Glory be to God, nature's God, the God of Flora,
the tutor and Prompter of Rosa. AVA.

PREAMBLE TO A COURSE OF TEMPLE STUDIES.

Beloved: In the next issue of the Star we will begin a course of studies on ancient wisdom, and we wish to state that we will not follow a particular rule of study or such as given by particular schools, as it is not acceptable to but very few in comparison to the many who need to be led into the wisdom of self and that of others.

We will try to follow up the teachings of Buddha, Christ and others before their time, and the methods which can best apply to the many will be employed in order to help the masses instead of a few.

We must know self to know other things, and the study of self will be our first endeavor.

We shall be led by the Bhagavadgita, the Bible and the pack of playing cards, which will show us into greater truths than we have known of before. While we have *personally* adopted the science of the Hindu for our guide, yet we cannot be bound by that alone, but as Universals we must seek truth everywhere in order to find a whole truth.

Our studies will be "mystical" from the standpoint of the world, which calls sacred revelations by such name, and we shall endeavor to go back in the past and we will find that the law has demanded the same obedience of our ancestors as it does of us.

The pack of playing cards being the true book of life, will take us as well into the heaven and its mysteries as it will take us back into the mysteries of antiquity, and we shall see that they are the real Bible of the past, present and future times and that the reading and interpretation of it can only be done by those who have unfolded enough spirituality to understand its symbols. Let all our readers whose souls hunger for knowledge be ready for the light which we shall receive from this course of studies. Prophecy is not the only thing which this book gives us, but it gives life to the soul.

THE WORK OF THE UNIVERSAL ASSEMBLY OF "NEW THOUGHT."

In Portland has been grand, as it has awakened the mind of people who have not heard the gospel of freedom given so liberally before, and to our surprise we are the pioneers in this respect, as we are told that "no one has been there before us with the same teachings." We have found very few that can follow us in the pathway of unlimited truth, but they will come, and as Portland goes on in the tide of advance, otherwise it will be the center of great spirituality in time to come.

We have had large attendances and the people have manifested hunger for more understanding. The dawn has come when the great wave of power shall be manifested among those who are ready for it in Portland, as well as elsewhere. Our altar has been bedecked with a profusion of the wondrous "Portland rose" every Sunday, as generous gifts of the seekers.

We are anxious that all who are seeking shall have our paper and also of our books, which now sell at reduced prices. Write to J. S. Warner, Mgr., P. O. 1340, Seattle.